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3/13/78

Review of Office of  
Security files on E. Howard  
Hunt.

Periodic File Summary.

Vol I.

1. A letter to the Director, FBI, dated 6/17/49 requests an investigation of Hunt. The reason given is that he is an applicant for employment.
2. A memo to the files, dated 6/24/49, reports that Hunt had been attached to OSS on 2/7/45 and was released from SSU on 12/6/45.
3. A memo dated 9/29/49 reports that Hunt served in the Air Force until 1/46. He was employed by the ECA from 5/48 to 2/49. During the periods when he was not employed he was writing. This memo recommends security approval.
4. Memo dated 10/19/49 reports that Hunt was given "a security clearance on 30 September 1949 to serve in an overt capacity as a Plans

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Officer for Programs and  
planning."

5. Hunt is assigned as an Intelligence Officer in OPC on 11/8/49.
6. A memo from Hunt dated 2/27/50 says that during 1948 + 1949 he worked for the ECA, "ranking as Attaché of the American Embassy, Paris."
7. Memo dated 12/11/50 re: interview with Hunt ~~S~~ who is resigning to accept a job with the Department of State.
8. A travel order dated 3/6/53 lists Hunt's position as Deputy Chief of Station, Mexico City. He is going on home leave before reassignment. There is a similar travel order dated 4/16/53.

9. Request for Personnel Action dated 5/18/53. Reports Hunt's appointment as an Operations Officer in the DDP/SE, SE Political and Psych. Warfare Staff, Office of the Chief, Washington
10. In 1/54 Hunt traveled through the SE area to review operations and for field consultations (from travel orders) His itinerary included France, Germany, Italy, Greece, Turkey and Egypt.
11. An overseas processing sheet dated 5/21/54 lists Hunt with DDP/FE, P+P STAFF and reports that he will be traveling to Tokyo on 5/27/54.
12. Carbon of reassignment order dated 4/7/54 to DDP/FE, etc

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13 A request for security certification dated 10/22/56 reports that Hunt is being assigned to Montevideo, Uruguay and will be leaving on or about 3/1/57

14 Request for Personnel Action dated 10/16/56 requests Hunt be reassigned from DDP/FE, North Asia Station PP Staff to DDP/WH, Branch II, Montevideo, Uruguay Station as "Area Ops Off (COS)"

15 Travel orders dated 11/19/56 for Hunt to go to Havana and return. lists his station as Washington

16 Travel order dated 6/27/56 Hunt to Uruguay. lists his official station as Montevideo.

17 Interview processing sheet dated 1/25/57 reports Hunt

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is departing for Uruguay  
on 1/25/57 and is under  
State cover. He was  
polygraphed on 1/1/57.

18 Request for approval or  
investigative action dated  
6/18/65 requests a "Contract  
Type A" for Hunt for use  
in Madrid, Spain.

19 Contract Type A Security  
Approval granted on  
6/23/65. A polygraph  
interview is waived.  
Security official tells me  
that a<sup>Contract</sup> type A is a  
person fully cleared  
as a result of a back-  
ground investigation and  
a polygraph. Any difference  
from Staff Employee  
is that "Type A" is on  
contract and can be  
terminated. "Type A" is  
also geared towards a  
specific job.

[Incorrect statement]

20. Clearance action record dated 9/21/66 reports that Hunt is converting from a Contract Type A to Staff.

21. Special Clearance and/or Billet Approval dated 9/22/66 reports Hunt's Position as OOP/EUR, Asst to Chairman, NATO Intel. Coll. Wkng. Group. It requests special clearances for Hunt and says: "Mr. Hunt has been ~~assigned~~ ~~as~~ designated assistant to Chairman, NATO Intelligence Collection Working Group (USIB), and is required to appraise the effect of possible changes in the NATO structure on U.S. collection capabilities".

22. Routing and Record sheet dated 18 March 1969 calls Hunt "Chief, EUR/CA" reports last <sup>FBI</sup> investigation

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in 1949 and that he has  
not been reinvesterated  
"apparently because he  
was either overseas or  
a staff agent".

23. Blind memo dated 1/70  
reports how five Ms.  
This Day got into the  
Agency's hands.

24. Memo dated 11/27/73 reports  
that routine ~~an~~ reinvester-  
gation of Hunt was under-  
taken in 1969 and completed  
in 1970.

25 Supplemental PHS : dated 3/20/69  
A. 7/65 - 7/66 Madrid  
B. 6/62 - 7/65 ~~Akashanapura~~ <sup>Summer, md</sup> Resi.  
C. 9/66 - "present" Potomac MD  
under nominal State cover.

26 5 PHS, dated 10/29/62 :  
1/57 - 6/60 - Montevideo? Resi.  
7/60 - 10/60 - Mexico City Resi.  
10/60 - 7/61 WASH.  
TO "Present" "

## Volume II

1. Cable (MONT 35-30) dated 2/9/60 says: "According to Ambassador Woodward, the President Nardone has stated that during his private talk with President Eisenhower he intends to request President Eisenhower to cancel [Hunt's] transfer permit remain in present capacity."
2. Handwritten note dated 6/22/60. Says that Hunt is "up for J MARC" and that Tracy Barnes is "pushing him for J MARC post" written <sup>SIGNED</sup> by what appears to be employee
3. Handwritten note by same individual dated 6/23/60: "employee stated Hunt scheduled for T.O.Y to Cuba on 27 June 60 + then proceed under commercial"

cover to Mexico City PCS-  
both JMARC duties...  
<sup>employee</sup>

said information  
that Barnes was pushing  
Hunt for JMARC not true -  
Barnes is an interested  
friend"

4. Memo from DOS/Investigations and Operational Support to DOS dated 6/23/60  
"Mr. [ ] [Security]  
<sup>employee</sup>

Officer from Project JMARC] stated that the subject [Hunt] is to go on PCS basis to Mexico under commercial cover as writer. He will be the political action man for the Project in Mexico as a representative to the FRO... Prior to his PCS assignment to Mexico, subject is going to Cuba for a week or so on a sort of orientation basis

3. Mr. [ ] [Security] stated that the subject has impressed him as something of a character

and free wheeler. He said that the subject indicated a need for an automobile to be purchased for him for use in Mexico and strongly requested a convertible for this purpose. Also, he requested permission to carry a gun. While he cannot speak officially of course, informally Mr. <sup>employee</sup> would be just as happy to see the subject not used on the Project."

5. An official routing slip indicates that J.C. King was briefed on Security's reservations about Hunt signed by R. Bannerman and dated 27 June.
6. Investigative file memorandum dated 6/20/60 recommends that routine repolygraph of Hunt be waived.
7. ~~MONT~~ MONT 4124 dated 11/6/60

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reports that Hunt has told some of his old friends in Uruguay that he is now working on "Cuban Problem"

8 Memo to Chief SRS/OS, from employee Chief IRB/SRS/OS  
re: above cable says:  
"Subject [Hunt] has been a problem in the past and apparently continues to be a problem."

9. Request for Personnel Action dated 5/29/62; reassignment effective 7/1/62; CF to C F, DDP/DODS, Facilities Branch, Research and Publications Section, Washington as Ops Officer (Ch.). Under "Remarks": "PRA Requested per R-20-10, para 10c(2) for a period of 90 Days.  
DDP/CA Staff

Office of the Chief /43-4/. Security officer says that a PRA is when an employee

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is filling a lower G.S. level job than G.S. Level he has.

- 10 Notification of ~~Military~~ Establishment of Military Cover Backstop dated 9/21/62. Backstop established with U.S. Army Element, Composite Operations Group.
- 11 Reassignment Processing form dated 7/3/62 states assignment to DDP/PODS + says that Hunt is "approved for domestic assignment."
- 12 Request for Personnel Action dated 11/15/61; reassignment effective 11/26/61; CF to CF, to DDP/CA Staff, Plans and Research Group, Evaluation Branch, Washington, as an Ops. Off from DDP/WH/BR 4/Temporary.
- 13 R & PA dated 1/17/62; reassignment effective blank; CF to CF, to

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DDP/CA Staff, Office of  
the Chief, Wash, as an  
Ops Officer.

14. Memo from Hunt to the OS  
dated 11/7/62 asking that  
~~OS CONCURRENCE~~  
~~be given his wife be given clearance~~  
to work part time doing  
"translations, statistical  
research and occasional  
letters for the Spanish  
Ambassador."

15. Memo from Sheffield  
Edwards (DOS) to Hunt.  
dated 11/15/62 says that  
the proposed job for his  
wife is "incompatible  
with Hunt's Agency  
Employment & could cause  
official embarrassment.  
"Accordingly, the request  
is disapproved from the  
~~security~~ standpoint of  
Security."

16 Handwritten memorandum for  
the record dated 11/19/62

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reports that a security officer has reported that Hunt is considering an appeal from the security disapproval of Hunt's wife's job.

17. 11/14/62 Memo from Employee Activity Branch /PSO/O5 to Chief, Personnel Security Division, O5.

\* recommends disapproval of request for security for wife's job.  
"Subject's file indicates that he has been a continuing security problem because of a tendency to disregard regulations and established procedures."

18. Memo from Appraisal Section to Chief dated 4 Feb, 1963.  
Hunt checked under a RIP  
@ negative responses at FBI, CSC, police & credit in D.C. Recommends polygraph.

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19. Memo for the record from  
DDS Adm Dir of Security (PPS)  
dated 2/8/63. reports Hunt  
call asking whether wife  
should register under  
"Foreign Agents Registration  
Act" since he was doing  
translation work for the  
Spanish Embassy. Hunt  
is reported as fussing on  
answering a question  
about Os approval and  
saying his wife is so  
independent that she  
would take the job regard-  
less of what he said.

20. Memo for the record,  
undated, by Hunt:  
"Subject: Procurement of  
Intelligence by Mrs. Dorothy  
L. Hunt"

1. On 25 February 1963, I  
delivered to Mr. W. Lloyd  
George, Chief, F-I, thermo-  
fax copies of a memorandum  
and a letter of transmittal  
dated 18 and 20 February

respectively. Both were prepared by Ambassador Antonio Garrigues for Prince Stanislas Radziwill and taken to the latter in New York by Alfonso de Borbon, 2d Secretary of the Spanish Embassy in Washington.

2. The purpose of the material was to enlist the aid of Radziwill in (a) persuading the President to visit Madrid during his next European trip, and (b) conveying to the President the views of Ambassador Garrigues regarding U.S.-Latin American relations.

3. Mr. George regarded the material too sensitive to be handled by routine means, and decided to show it only to Mr. Helms.

4. On 27 February 1963, Mr. George telephoned me to say that he had just shown the material to Mr. Helms who

speculated whether or not he ought not take it to the White House at once. Mr. George demurred, pointing out the sensitivity of the source (my wife), whereupon Mr. Helms indicated that nothing should be done with the material until Mr. George returned from a Far East trip and could consider the matter further.

5. Mr. George then asked Mr. Helms whether my wife should register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, and Mr. Helms said that under the circumstances she absolutely should not."

21 Official Routing Slip asks [Thom(?) Winters]: "Prepare a memo via Tracy Barnes to Tom Karamessines re wife's employment. - Is it in Agency's interests and does it have operational benefits? - if not it is contrary to agency policy - Do they want an exception." dated 15 Apr. <sup>FROM</sup> BANNERMAN

22 Official routing slip dated  
 2/18/63 from <sup>employee</sup>  
 P/DAB and Mr. <sup>employee</sup> ~~for~~ <sup>employee</sup> ~~days~~  
 That "Subject is ~~not~~ to  
 be replied under RTI  
 at this time."

23 Memo for record by <sup>employee</sup>  
 dated 18 April 1963.  
 Discussed Hunt's memo +  
 Bannerman's RS with <sup>employee</sup>  
Winters on 16 April.  
 is worried because the situation could be embarrassing  
 because "Mrs. Hunt is  
 engaging in intelligence collection in the United States  
 - without any official  
 sanction for such activity."  
 This was the problem anticipated when OS denied  
 permission for the job. Both  
Winters & <sup>employee</sup> were concerned  
 that the letter Bannerman suggested "might really  
 'stir up' all sorts of problems"  
 because of the question of  
 how the Security Officer

of DODS had gotten info  
 that had been "handled  
 on extremely high levels  
 in the DDP complex," so they  
 decided to ask Mr George  
 if ~~MS~~ it was intended  
 to use Mrs Hunt opera-  
 tionally before writing  
 the letter. They <sup>envelope</sup>  
 talked to George on 17 April  
 who said he was not  
 aware of OS disapproval  
 and that their considera-  
 tions were valid. George  
 said that he would take  
 the matter up w/ Helms  
 and Karameesines, and that  
 the letter not be sent  
 until the meeting between  
 him, Helms, Karameesines  
 and an OS rep had occurred.

24. Memo for Sir of Sec. from  
 Chief / FI dated 5/10/63  
 says: "I have discussed the  
 point raised by you with  
 Mr Helms and while we  
 agree in principle, we

believe that there is sufficient gain from the contact and certain pieces of information to take the calculated risk..." This will continue until she quits on 6/30 due to pregnancy.

25. Routing and record sheet to Gordon Mason, Sp. Asst. to DDP; DDP and Mr. Chittien; from A/DD/CA dated 6/1/64 — under comments:

typed: "The attached draft column by Bill Buckley will appear in 75 U.S. newspapers, including the Scripps-Howard chain, during the week of June 8.

The background of this placement is the fact that Buckley worked for me as a Staff Agent in Mexico 1950-51 and we have remained close friends."

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in script: "a copy of this has been sent to the Director. Will you please forward to Mr. Elder biographical material on Wm. Buckley."

This is initiated by the same person who initialed the box next to "DDP". Attached is a letter from Buckley to Hunt dated 5/28/64 and an article entitled "State CIA Week".

"Dear Howard:

Here it is. You will note we had to cut fifteen lines because it was over. But I hope it helps. Thanks a million for all the work you did on it.

I managed to read only about one-third of the book and depended on you for the rest. Give me a ring soon. Hastily, Bill.  
The article is a review of The Invisible Government.

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26 Routing and record sheet dated 7/28/64 says  
"In view of the referrals in the RIP action since 1962 and the fact that subject was polygraphed in 1953 and 1957 I believe closing of the RIP without further action is in order."

5/1 <sup>employe</sup> C/TRS

27 Req. for R/P action dated 7/9/64; reassignment, CF to CF to DDP/ODD, U.S. Field, CA Staff as Ops. Officer - CH

28 Official Superior's Report of Injury. On 10/9/64 Hunt leaves work due to a hemorrhaging duodenal ulcer.

29 Request for Personnel Action dated 2/16/65; Reassignment CF to V, to DDP, Ops Group (marked out "Operational Services, Office of the Chief" "Ops Grp." handwritten in)

as an Ops. off  
 remarks: "This employee is  
 the only qualified person  
 available for assignment  
 to this position which  
 must be filled immediately.  
 He will be in PRA status  
 for a period not to  
 exceed 24 months."

30 Undated memo (Cover slip dated  
 12/8/64) from C/I Investigations  
 Division to C/SR5. Since  
 11/19/63 three Covert Security  
 Approval requests have  
 been made by Hunt's office  
 (A/DO/CA). These are requests  
 for approvals for ghost  
 writers. All those  
 individuals proved to be  
 "of very dubious loyalty."  
 On 11/19/63 Hunt requested  
 a clearance for Alaben ~~✓~~  
 L. Zold. This case was  
 cancelled on 12/5/63 after  
 derogatory information  
 was discovered. On 12/9/63  
 Hunt requested clearance

for Booter-Hendson. A clearance with severe restrictions was given over ~~the~~ "serious security objection." Hunt cancelled the case on 5/14/64 because the burden of the restrictions. On 8/21/64 a member of Hunt's office requested a clearance for Quentin Reynolds, a personal friend of Hunt. On 11/27/64 the case was withdrawn.

31 A notification of establishment of Official Cover backstop dated 1/6/67 lists Hunt's cover history as:

Oct 49 - Dec 50	HQS/Overt
DEC 50 - MAR 53	Mexico/STATE
MAR 53 - June 54	HQS/Overt
JUNE 54 - Oct 56	JAPAN/OAC
Dec 56 - Jul 60	Uruguay/STATE
Jul 60 - Jul 65	HQS/OAC
Jul 65 - Sep 66	contractual employ- ment O/DDP as consultant

32. A Special Clearance and/or  
Billet Approval dated  
2/25/69 lists Hunt as  
"Chief, EUR/CA"

33. A Spec. Clear. a/o Bil. App.  
dated 9/26/66 lists Hunt\* as  
being part of DDP/EUR/SAS.

34. A SC a/o BA dated 8/15/68  
says: "As OD/P representative  
on the CIA team preparing  
historical material for the  
Johnson library, Mr Hunt  
will be required to have  
access to documents" which  
require special clearances.

35. Routing slips attached to  
a 2/6/70 memo re "Give Us  
This Day" indicate that the  
book was not submitted to  
the Agency for review.

36. Memo for the Record by  
C/SR5 dated 2/17/70. A summary  
of "Give Us..." was given to  
Thomas Karamessines who

read it & immediately called Hunt in. Hunt at first professed ignorance and then acknowledged authorship. He denied having anything to do with trying to get it published.

37. Documents indicate that Hunt + the Agency tried to round up all the copies of the manuscript.
38. Request for Personnel Action dated 4/21/70 indicates that Hunt is going into voluntary retirement.
39. Biographic profile (Part I) lists the following CIA employment history:

Position	G-S ORGAN	20 Location
NOV 1949	I.O. (Editor) 13 OPC/LA/OPS/COS	G PC/PPS+P/Program II HQ
Dec 1950	I.O. 13 OPC/LA/DCOM	MEXICO CITY " "
JUN 1951	I.O. 14 DOP/SE/CN, PPSTAFF	" "
AUG 1953	OPS OFF 15 OPS OFF(PP)	DOP/FE/SR-NR/CHY HQ
JUN 1954	15- DOP/WH-II/COS	TOKYO
FEB 1957	AREA OPS OFF 15- DOP/WI+4	MONTEVIDEO HQ
NOV 1960	OPS OFF 15- DOP/CAS/PLANT+RESEARCH/CH/EVAL BR	" "
JUN - NOV 1961	detailed to office of the DCI	" "
NOV 61	OPS OFF 15- DOP/CAS/OC	" "
JAN 62	11 11 11 11	" "
JUL 62	15 DOP/DOOS/FACILITIES/CH, R+PSEC	" "
AUG 64	15 DOP/DOO/CH, FIELD CH, CASTAFIA	" "
FEB 65	15 DOP/DOOR, OR THE DOP/OPS GROUP.	" "
JULY 1965 - SEP 1966	contract employee	" "
SEP 66	OPS OFF 15- DOP/WI/OPS STAFF	HQ
JAN 67	15 DOP/EUR/SPEC ACT STAFF	" "
AUG 68	15 DOP/EUR/Ops Staff	" "
APR 70	Retired.	" "

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Application for Retirement  
signed by Hunt dated  
4/14/70

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Interview report dated 4/24/70:  
Reason for interview is  
retirement on this date.

Stapled at bottom is a slip  
of paper which says:

"Howard Hunt

Robert R. Muller & Co.

1729 H Street, NW

Washington, D.C. 20006

M.F. 8-2526

Public Relations (holographic)

Written in leeside this is:  
"firm has offices in London  
& Tokyo. Subject already has  
associated himself with  
the firm indicated. Subject  
stated that Mr. Karamessines  
has indicated that he wishes  
subject to 'stay in touch' —  
that the firm does provide  
cover for one person."  
Signed by Edward K.  
(unclear but probably)  
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42 Memo for the Record by  
<sup>employee</sup> about the  
David St. Johnson article;  
interview w/ Raymond  
Rocca; dated 2/14/74.  
Follow-up in info in files  
that two people ~~in~~ (PAUL GAYNOE  
~~CI/ops.~~ believed CI/ops <sup>employee</sup>  
had knowledge of Hunt's  
writing activities. Rocca  
was asked specifically about  
1) any form of official  
or <sup>encouragement</sup> sponsorship of Hunt's work;  
2) any assistance was asked  
for from CI/ops.;  
3) any relationship between  
that staff & Hunt.

"In response to these  
questions Mr. Rocca  
responded 'on the record'  
that he has no knowledge  
of any such arrangements  
nor at any time was he  
party to any assistance  
or any requests for  
to Mr. Hunt. Mr. Rocca  
stated that the particular  
section which he had been

most actively concerned in the past year's was responsible for handling a variety of tasks categorized under the area of 'setting the record straight.' In this sense, the 'image' mission of the office was to counter misinformation currently in the media or otherwise believed to be a part of an effort to discredit the Agency. Mr. Rocca feels that any assumption that Mr. Hunt was engaged in any form of Agency sponsored image activity would have probably lead to the conclusion that it was done under the Counter Intelligence Operations. However, Mr. Rocca emphatically stated that this was not the case... Mr. Rocca did venture the opinion that he felt that in all probability an official

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acquiescence on the part  
of senior officials might  
have been involved  
rather than an official  
sponsorship..."

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## Red Line Volume

1. A Support Branch General Request dated 6/14/63 requests that a P.O. Box be opened in Washington for Hunt under his alias.
2. Confirmation of 1 above by memo dated 6/18/63. This memo says the Box will be used indefinitely, should be serviced daily and that the volume should be light.
3. Envelope: "Documents regarding Hunt's 'letter address' (accommodation address) set up in 1963 and terminated in 1965 - (address is still being used by another individual)"
4. request for CSA for Hunt dated 6/3/70. Cover staff requesting so that he can be made writing off relationship with Mullen & Co.

The attached routing sheet says: "Security would not grant the requested clearance unless C/DPB was personally apprized of their interest and written concurrence was obtained."

5. Memo to DDP from CCS dated 10/14/70. ~~Handwritten~~

The memo says that OS will not grant the clearance without assurance that the DDP "does not have an overriding interest or objection." Paragraph 4 says:

"Inasmuch as Mr. Hunt is already witting of the current cover arrangement with the company which he reportedly will soon head and because the use of the company in other locations where it has cover potential would require his knowledge and

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assistance, CCS requests that you approve the clearance.

The recommendation was approved on 10/14/70 by Thomas Karamessines who asked to be kept posted.

An attached routing slip says that Security's reservations stemmed from the book "Give Us This Day".

6. Memo for the Record dated 9/13/74 by S.P. Breckinridge, reports learning of the tramp photo allegation from John Hicks who had heard it from Art Hundahl who had heard it from Sam Jaffe. The memo notes ~~is~~ the info was also passed to the DCI and OLC.

70. Memo for the record by Breckinridge dated 9/20/64

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reports Hunt's files have been reviewed to determine his location on 11/22/63. For 4 week pay period ending 11/23/63 Hunt took 11 hrs. sick leave & no annual leave. Following pay period he took 3 hrs. sick leave and 27 hours annual leave. Travel records show official travel to New York in 09/63, 10/63 & 12/63. There was no official travel in 11/63.

8. Jack Anderson Article:  
"A Bum Rap for Frank Sturgis in Miami" from the WP, Tuesday, April 16, 1974, p B15. Praises Sturgis & dismisses allegation.

9. Memo for the Record  
by [signature] <sup>employee</sup>  
dated 10/15/74, to record actions taken regarding allegations based on trump

photos; met with Seymour Bolten, Special Assistant to the DDC on 10/10/74.

"I discussed the action that I had taken with respect to this allegation approximately six weeks ago at the request of the Director of Security. At that time various courses of action were discussed but our action was limited to a review of both [Hunt + Sturgis'] files and a search of our records which produced the Jack Anderson article referred to above and which is attached. (This article was made available to Mr. John Richards of the IG Staff at that time.)

4. Mr. Bolten appeared satisfied and advised that no further action appeared necessary at this time. However, he expressed some

concern over the possibility that we might have to re-open the matter again if and when the Agency is ever asked about same by one of the Congressional oversight committees insofar as the allegation pertains to Hunt because he was an Agency employee on the date in question. If this should occur, we would probably have to produce evidence that Hunt was not in Dallas on that day. We discussed various courses of action that we could take in this regard if necessary."

10. Memo for the Record states that DD5+T have been asked to compare the strong photo with a photo of Hunt - "DD5+T's conclusions are unknown" dated 5/28/75.